

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Datta, et al.
Application No.: 10/648,184
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Group Art Unit: 1794
Confirmation No.: 5153
Examiner: Hoa T. Le
For: Synthetic Microspheres and Methods of Making Same

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION
(submission under 37 C.F.R. 1.116)**

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this Amendment in reply to an Office Action made final and mailed December 10, 2008. Applicants respectfully request entry of the Amendment set forth herein, consideration of the remarks provided with this paper, and allowance of the claims submitted.

Amendments, remarks and accompanying documents set forth herein are in compliance with the rules for submitting a reply after final rejection under 37 C.F.R. 1.116. This reply only adopts examiner suggestions, cancels claims, complies with any requirement of form expressly set forth in the recent Office Action, and/or presents rejected claims in better form for consideration before appeal. No new matter has been introduced with this reply and no new

issues requiring further consideration and/or search have been introduced with the amended claims set forth herewith.

Provided herewith and for consideration with the above-identified Application are the following:

Amendments to the Claims reflected in the Listing of Claims that begins on page 3;

Remarks that begin on page 7; and

Conclusion that begins on page 8 of this paper.